

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace Paragraphs [0107] and [0108] with the following paragraphs rewritten in amendment format:

**[0107]** With reference to Figure [[20A]] 20, a locking mechanism 600 is shown at an end portion of a side extension wall 332 for locking a position of the side extension wall 332 relative to the fixed sidewall portion 330. The locking mechanisms 600 are provided on each of the side extension walls 332 and include a locking plate 602 slidably movable between a downward locked position and an upward unlocked position. The locking plate 602 is received in a recess 604 provided in the floor of the cargo area. A similar recess 604 is also provided at the end of the tailgate so that the locking mechanism 600 can engage the recess 604 at either the end of the cargo area or at the end of the tailgate. A spring 606 is provided between the vertically sliding locking plate 602 and a stationary flange 608 for biasing the locking plate 602 in a locking position.

**[0108]** The locking plate 602 includes an upper flange or a finger 610 fixedly mounted to the locking plate 602. The locking plate 602 is slidably mounted to a vertical column 612 provided at an end of the side extension wall portions 332. In a normal lock position, as shown in Figure [[20A]] 20, the locking plate 602 is biased in a downward direction by spring 606 and is received in recess 604 provided in the floor of the cargo area. A movable divider panel 346 is supported in a guide track 334 as is described above. Upon depression of the operating handle 462, the stabilizing members 472 are retracted inward to allow the movable divider panel 346 to pivot about

the support rod such that as the movable divider panel 346 pivots, the stabilizing members 472 engage the flange portion 610 of the locking plate 602. Continued articulation of the movable divider panel 346 causes the stabilizing members 472 to lift upward on the flange 610 of the locking plate 602 so as to cause the locking plate 602 to move upward so that the locking plate 602 is withdrawn from the recess 604 provided in the floor of the cargo area. Thus, by articulating the movable divider panel 346 to a horizontal position, an operator can simultaneously disengage the locking mechanism 600 on each of the side extension wall portions 332. The user then can pull rearwardly on the movable divider panel 346 and pull each of the side extension walls 332 out over the tailgate. Upon returning the movable divider panel 346 to the horizontal position, the locking mechanism 600 is then automatically returned to the locking position to engage recesses 604 provided at the ends of the tailgate (see Figure 11).